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Letter from the chair

Dear friends,

Happy New Year!

I hope you enjoyed the Christmas break and are ready to enjoy more months of U3A activities. It seems a long time ago, but I thoroughly enjoyed the December big meeting when we learnt about all sorts of customs and traditions connected with Christmas and Bells. And a lucky few got to play tunes on the handbells.

Do we have a member who can lead a group of handbell ringers? I did it for a while some time ago but had to give up when I took on other duties and could no longer fit it in. I have a number of tunes written out which we used to play on the Parish Church handbells. If you think you could help, please come and see me. You would need permission from the Tower Master and it would have to be a small group because there are not many bells. The tunes are written out as music, but if you can't read music, they could all be re-written using the alphabet.

I am told that we now have nearly 300 members in Settle District U3A. I am reminded of the early days when the membership secretary and I, as groups' coordinator, compared notes constantly and celebrated our 100th and then 200th member. I can still remember who they were. We used to call the second one "number 200" because we had trouble remembering his name. Time passes and neither they nor many of the original committee are still with us.

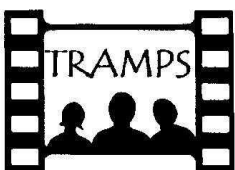
A new year and there are many opportunities for us to remain active, enjoy each other's company and share the experiences we have gained in our lifetimes. How about suggesting a subject that interests you that others might like to hear about? It is much easier under the umbrella of the U3A than trying to set up a group from scratch with problems of advertising and finding a venue. We have a groups' coordinator willing and able to give you all the help you need.

Alison

**February Meeting: Thursday February 12th at 10.30 am
in the Victoria Hall**

'The Brontes' with Isobel Stirk

Coffee served from 10.00 am



The Ribblesdale Area
Moving Picture Show

Friday 16th January 7.30pm

Austwick Parish Hall

THE BOOK THIEF (12)

Wednesday 28th January 7.45pm

Victoria Hall, Settle

THE LUNCH BOX (12)

Friday 6th February 7.30pm

Austwick Parish Hall

THE INVISIBLE WOMAN (12)

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

ART APPRECIATION

The meeting on February 3rd is partly a follow-up to the talk about abstract art we had recently. Can members bring a picture of a piece of abstract art and say a few words about it? And I will have prepared some thoughts about 'banned art' I hope! I look forward to seeing you then.

Debi Burridge

GREAT LIVES

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 21st January, 11.00am at Victoria Hall, when John Parry will give a presentation on the life and work of Robert Graves. Severely wounded on the Somme battlefield in 1916, his autobiographical "Goodbye to all that" is recognised as one of the all-time great war books. He was a notable poet and author of the unforgettable "Claudius " novels, which were excellently filmed by the BBC starring Derek Jacobi. A fascinating talk in prospect!

John Jebson

THE EXERCISE GROUP

Just a quick reminder that we start again on Monday January 12th.

Gillian Walton

GENTLE YOGA

This new group will have its inaugural meeting in the Victoria Hall at 10.30am on Wednesday 21st January.

David Mehers

WALKING GROUP

Happy New Year to you all. Don't forget the Planning Meeting on Thursday 22 January at 11 a.m. at the Quaker Meeting House, followed by the usual Jacob's Join lunch - if you are unable to attend but would be willing to lead a walk

please let me know in advance. Looking forward to seeing you.

Annual Lunch at Feizor –

Tuesday 27 January 2015

I have booked lunch for 12 noon to 12.30 at Elaine's Tea Rooms - please meet at the Cricket Club at 10.15 a.m. or at the caravan site car park at Knight Stainforth at approximately 10.25 a.m. It may be that some of you would like to make your own arrangements to walk from Austwick. If you are going by car please meet us there. Please let me know if you would like to go so that I can let Elaine have numbers in advance.

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POETRY COMPETITION

Last chance to put in an entry for the Regional Poetry Competition. Come along all you budding poets, your chance to get into print as the winning entries will be published in the Regional newsletter. There's an offer you can't miss for fame and fortune!

For details look on the U3A YAHR website or details from me.

Hilary Baker Tel :01729 840609

PERSONALITY AND PERCEPTION STUDY

A student at Warwick University is taking part in some online research and wants to contact older people. They are investigating personality and perception and how these change over a lifetime. You would watch a 30 second video and answer some questions. It would all be done on line and takes about 15 minutes to complete. Please get in touch with Alison if you are interested.

alisontyas@gmail.com

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS – this month's invited speaker may be of interest to other groups :

VICTORIA HALL Thursday 22nd January at 2.00pm

RAIKES ROAD BURIAL GROUND, SKIPTON

by Jean Robinson

Undisturbed for over a century, this forgotten corner of Skipton's Victorian history contains the graves of Rudyard Kipling's grandparents, heroes of the Napoleonic and Crimean wars and many local tradespeople and characters. Because of its neglected state, the ground has become a haven for wildlife with trees over 250 years old. This illustrated talk describes the restoration efforts being made to bring the cemetery back into the local heritage.

Admission for members and visitors £1 Everyone welcome.

Please keep copy to approx 150 words and submit next by Friday 6th February 2015 to:
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Submissions will be acknowledged by email